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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Room 308 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin and Hoadley.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Jacobsen moved to adopt the minutes from the **Wednesday, February 3, 2016**, meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Lyons laid **HJR DD** before the committee:

HJR DD (Aaron Miller) Legislature; legislators; minimum age for state senators, state representatives, governor, and lieutenant governor; revise.

TESTIMONY

Representative Aaron Miller, sponsor of HJR DD, explained his joint resolution to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed.

The following individual submitted a card but did not wish to speak:

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, indicated neutrality on the joint resolution.

Chair Lyons laid **HJR S** before the committee:

HJR S (Vaupel) Courts; judges; age limit for election of or appointment to a judicial office; increase to 75 years of age.

TESTIMONY

Representative Vaupel, sponsor of HJR S, explained his joint resolution to the committee.

Hon. Carol Reader, representing herself, testified in support of the joint resolution.

Neal Nielsen, representing himself, testified in support of the joint resolution.

Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card but did not wish to speak:

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, indicated neutrality on the joint resolution.

Peter Cunningham, representing the State Bar of Michigan, supports the joint resolution.

Chair Lyons laid **HB 5407** before the committee:

HB 5407 (Lyons) A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 175 and 177 (MCL 168.175 and 168.177).

TESTIMONY

Chair Lyons, sponsor of HB 5407, explained her bill to the committee members.

Questions and discussion followed.

The following individual submitted a card but did not wish to speak:

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, indicated neutrality on the bill.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Representative Lisa Lyons, Chair
House Standing Committee on Elections
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55 Minutes